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Gratia Countryman, Librarian of the Minneapolis public library, was named as the unanimous choice of the Board to fill the unexpired term as second Vice-president.

J. I. WYER, JR.,
Secretary.

COMMITTEES

A. L. A. Constitution

Notes of the substance of certain amendments which the Committee on Revision agreed upon at Atlantic City, and will recommend at Minnetonka. [Minor changes and particulars omitted.]

1 **The Executive board and Council.**

(a) **The Executive board** to consist of the President and 2 Vice-presidents, and 6 other members elected by the Association (2 each year for a 3 year term).

(b) **The Council** to consist (1) of the members of the Executive board ex-officio; (2) all ex-Presidents of the Association who continue as members therein; (3) and 50 elective members, divided into groups of 10, with terms of 5 years each. Not exceeding 5 in each group to be chosen by the Association, and 5 by the Council itself.

2 The business affairs of the Association to be entrusted to the Executive board, except as they may be "specifically assigned to other bodies." [Matters so assigned to be reduced to a minimum] This, with the particular object of avoiding existing confusion of jurisdiction between the Executive board and Council. Among other affairs specifically assigned to the Executive board is the appointment of non-elective assistant officers (including the Secretary) and all standing committees, and the determination of the salaries of all paid officers.

3 **Council, duties of.** The definitions in Section 17 to be reduced by the cancellation of the first 9 lines. Its general function of discussion and deliberation to be phrased as follows:

"It may consider and discuss library questions which involve the policy of the Association as such; and (except upon a three-fourths vote [? 2-3ds] deciding for immediate action) no such questions shall be voted upon by the Association without a previous reference to the Council for consideration and recommendation."

The Council still to determine the place of annual meeting, but the Executive board the time.

"Sections" of the Association to be established by its own direct vote, after a favorable report thereon by the Executive board.

4 The Committee do not favor the consolidation of the functions of Secretary and Treasurer in one official.

5 **Publishing board.** One of the Executive board to be designated as its Chairman.

6 **Amendments.** Strike out from Section 26 the words "in their final form."

7 **By-laws** to be adopted by vote of the Association; but must either originate in, or be referred to and reported back from, the Executive board. Strike out "or council" in Section 27.

2 **By-laws, amendments to.** (1) The voting rights of new members to be limited during their first year of membership; (2) the fiscal year of the Association to be the calendar year, and the Treasurer's term to correspond with this; (3) the official ticket at each Association election to be nominated by a committee designated by the Executive board, but no member of the board to be included in such committee; (4) add provision for nomination papers, and the position and residence of each nominee to be given on the ballot; (5) a consecutive number to be assigned to each member in the order of accession to membership and payment of dues,—a delinquent member rejoining to receive the original number.

A. L. A. Committee changes. Frank P. Hill has been substituted for W. H. Brett on the Committee on Constitutional revision.

Margaret Mann has taken the place of Faith E. Smith as secretary of the Catalog section.